

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1738 – HB 1764

February 2, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts supervisors, principals, or public school teachers from the requirement to take an assessment to advance or renew a professional license, if an equivalent license is held from a state with a reciprocal agreement with the State Board of Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$2,900

Assumptions:

- No significant impact on state government operations.
- The legislation only applies to out-of-state educators and local education agencies (LEAs).
- In order to be licensed, all educators must demonstrate basic knowledge and skills, pedagogical and pedagogical content knowledge, and content knowledge.
- To demonstrate basic knowledge and skills, educators can take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (or similar competing assessment) at an average cost of \$150 per test.
- To demonstrate pedagogical and pedagogical content knowledge, educators can undergo the Educational Teacher Performance Assessment at an average cost of \$300 per test.
- To demonstrate content knowledge, educators can take at least one Praxis content knowledge exam at a median cost of \$120 per test.
- This results in an average total cost of \$570 (\$150 + \$300 + \$120) per educator. All such test taking fees are paid to private test administering vendors.
- Based on information from the Department of Education (DOE), it is estimated that at least five LEAs pay the cost for the relevant educators to take assessments for certification. Therefore, the exemptions proposed in this legislation will result in reduced LEA expenditures paid to the private vendors on the behalf of eligible educators.
- Assuming that each of the minimum five LEAs hires at least one out-of-state educator each year that would otherwise not be exempted from the assessments under current law, the mandatory recurring decrease in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$2,850 (\$570 average cost x 5 minimum LEAs x 1 minimum educator).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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